Statement

The total expenditure incurred under Plan and Non-Plan during the last three years and the corresponding budget estimates for the year 1987-88 in respect of the following All India Post Graduate. Medical Institute is as under:

	Actual expenditure incurred under Plan and Non-Plan during				
	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	Budget Estimates for 1987-88	
	(in lakhs of Rs.)			PLAN	NON-PLAN
All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi	1813.10	2826.04	3311.96	1133.00	1891.05
Post-graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh	1160.00	1439.21	1736.93	500.00	1303.64
Jawaharlal Institute of Post-graduate Medical Education and Research, Pondicherry	486.00	532.56	656.70	55.00	615.73

Persons becoming Blind in Eye Camp Operation

3035. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news published in 'Times of India' dated the 12th February, 1988 to the effect that over 150 persons face the threat of becoming blind due to suspected negligence on the part of some of the doctors attached to the opthalmic unit of the Minto hospital at Bangalore who performed operations at an 'Eye camp' organised by the Lions Club at Chintamani in Collar district; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of 151 Cataract Operations done in an eye camp organised by Lions Club of Chintamani Town, Distt. Collar of Karnataka, with the help of Divisional Mobile Eye Units of Bangalore between 27-1-88 and 5-2-88, 70 cases developed post operation in-fection and face the threat of blindness in the operated eye.

On noticing the infection in operated cases on 30-1-88, State Health authorities immediately mobilised its resources for adequate care and treatment of the infected cases, utilising the services of the experts from Minto Regional Institute of ophthalmology, Bangalore. 5 teams of specialists were deployed to follow up all the operated cases discharged from the camp in their homes in 50 villages. The infected cases are being given treatment at the Minto Regional Institute of Ophthalmology, Bangalore and SNR Hospital, Kolar.

The operations were performed by qualified ophthalmologists and the medicines, drugs and saline used during operations were found to be free for infection, according to a report received from the State Government of Karnataka.